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**STOCK SHAPE FOR MACHINING  
AND PRODUCTION PROCESS  
THEREOF**

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the references listed on form PTO/SB/08a filed concurrently herewith.

The Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a final office action under §1.113, but before a notice of allowance.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) The undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

English translations of the Abstracts are provided for Japanese Patent Publication Nos. JP-A-2002-52619 and JP-A-2003-335957.

A fee is required for consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and is enclosed herewith.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this Information Disclosure Statement or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0582.

Respectfully submitted,

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